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Re: Our File 582-703 West Germany, PM 538

Dear Bill:

We have received an Official Action in the above-identified application, and enclose a photoprint copy translation of the same.

You will note that the Examiner has rejected the application citing a U.S. patent and a German printed publication. Copies of both references are enclosed.

Since the Action requires response not later than October 26, 1972 we would like to have your instructions in this regard around September 15, 1972.

We offer the suggestion that since the corresponding Norwegian case has been examined and the same United States patent cited, that we consider in filing response submitting the same claims that were submitted in Norway. A photoprint copy of the new Norwegian claims are enclosed.

Very truly yours,

George J. Brandt, Jr.

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